

PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Career Development Events/Contests is to provide incentives for students to further develop skills and abilities that are taught in secondary programs of agriculture. Competition at the state level is designed to assess the level of proficiency each student has achieved. The objectives of the Career Development Events/Contests are as follows:

1. To motivate students to acquire additional knowledge.
2. To encourage students to develop skills and abilities in agriculture.
3. To encourage students to develop problem-solving and communication skills.
4. To stimulate student interest in furthering their education.

GUIDELINES FOR ADDING CONTESTS

The following criteria apply to adding a new contest in Missouri:

1. A curriculum is available before a new contest is initiated.
2. Fifty percent of Missouri schools must be teaching a unit in the area to be considered.
3. A survey of interest of teachers will be conducted by the Contest Advisory Committee. At least 50 percent of the teachers surveyed must be interested in conducting a contest and at least 50 percent of the schools must respond to the survey.
4. The joint staff, teachers, and universities shall agree to establishing a contest.
5. An ad hoc committee will be appointed to develop the new contest guidelines, rules, and procedures.
6. A pilot of the new contest will be conducted for all six districts.
7. The proposed new contest will be re-evaluated by the joint staff, teachers, and universities and a final decision made.

GUIDELINES FOR DROPPING CONTESTS

The following procedure shall be followed in dropping a contest in Missouri:

1. The joint staff in Agricultural Education shall recommend that a contest be dropped.
2. The MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee shall recommend that a contest be dropped.
3. The teachers shall approve the recommendation of the FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

Instructors are responsible for the conduct of their students. Reasonable rules of conduct must be followed. Unacceptable conduct will be justification for disqualifying the school from competition or representation for the current year. Disciplinary action will be the responsibility of the proctors designated by the districts on the following rotational basis. The teacher representatives will be selected at the January district meeting.

Contest	Districts for ODD Years	Districts for EVEN Years
Agricultural Mechanics	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Agricultural Sales	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Agronomy	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Dairy Cattle	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Dairy Foods	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Entomology	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Farm Management	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Floriculture	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Forestry	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Horse	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Livestock	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Meats	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Nursery/Landscaping	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE
Poultry	NE--SC--SE	NW--C--SW
Soils	NW--C--SW	NE--SC--SE

PROCTOR GUIDELINES

1. Insure fairness of the contest and that students follow guidelines of student conduct.
2. Report any/all concerns, problems, cheating, etc. to the contest superintendent.
3. Contest proctors should report to the contest superintendent 30 minutes prior to the contest.
4. Proctors are **not** there to administer, manage, or score the contest (except for emergency situations).
5. Only teachers who are proctors should be present during a contest -- all others will be asked to leave the contest area until the contest is finished (rule 16 on page 5-98 will be strictly enforced).

RECOGNITION

Individual and team contestants will be ranked according to their total score in each individual contest. The rankings for both individuals and teams will be divided with approximately 25% Group I, 50% Group II, and 25% Group III of those classified. Teams with less than three individuals will not be ranked. Teams and members may be designated as unclassified at the discretion of the superintendent.

Gold medals will be awarded to individuals in each contest who receive a Group I rating in the contest. The fourth member or alternate of each team will be eligible for individual rankings. The Missouri FFA Association provides the medals.

Plaques will be awarded to the first, second, and third place teams in each contest. The plaques will be presented at the State FFA Convention. Sponsors for the plaques will be announced at the time of presentation.

CONTEST RULES

The Instructional Materials Laboratory (IML, 2316 Industrial Drive, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65202) has produced packets of the cards and forms used in the state contests. Please call IML for pricing information and to check on availability. IML can be reached at (573) 882-2883 or 1-800-669-2465 (toll-free).

1. Only teams and team members (including first and last name) who have been certified by their respective districts may compete in the State Contests. **Agricultural Mechanics teams will consist of only three members. All other teams, including FFA Knowledge, will consist of three or four students with the top three scores being used as the team score and the fourth team member (if applicable) considered as the alternate.**
2. **A student may participate at the state level in a specific Career Development Event/Contest only once. The alternate team and/or team member who compete at state will be considered a participant. A student will not be allowed to compete more than one time at the state level in Prepared Public Speaking Division I, Prepared Public Speaking Division II, Prepared Public Speaking Advanced, or Extemporaneous Public Speaking.**
3. Complete team membership including **one alternate member per team** must be furnished to the State Contest Coordinator. Only team members certified by the district and received by the State Contest coordinator by **Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., one week prior to the State Contest** are eligible to compete.
4. Only one alternate team may be submitted from each district in each contest. If the alternate team is to be substituted for another team in the State Contest, the State Director of Agricultural Education must be notified **before 5:00 p.m. on Monday** of the week of the State Contest.
5. All State Contest participants must be currently enrolled in agriculture at the secondary level (grades 9-12) and not more than 21 years of age.
6. Contestants are not allowed to enter any contest area with reference materials or notes except where noted in the specific contest rules. Clean paper and clipboards are allowed (see individual contest rules regarding the use of tools, equipment, calculators, etc. in each contest). **All cell phones and other electronic communication devices will not be allowed in the contest area prior to or during the contest event. Individuals not adhering to this rule will be disqualified.**
7. Only one team per school may enter each contest.
8. The team score in any contest shall be the sum of the different scores of the top three individual team members. A critique sheet on the performance of each team member (at the discretion of the contest superintendent) may be provided to the school.
9. The number of teams eligible to participate at the state level from each district is based on the number of teams participating in district contests the previous year.

Check on Allocation of Teams on the following pages (updated each year). The maximum number of teams, which can be certified from each district, is provided on the following pages (be sure the table is for the current contest year).

10. **Tie scores among teams in all contests should be broken using the high individual team member's score.** In case the scores are tied, the scores of the second high individual on each team should be used.
11. **An individual student cannot participate in state contests that are scheduled to compete at the same time. Please check the schedule carefully.**
12. Due to the time restraints and location of events, a student may only compete in one of the following state contests each year:
 - A. Creed Speaking
 - B. Prepared Public Speaking (including Division I, Division II, and Advanced)
 - C. Extemporaneous Speaking
 - D. Parliamentary Procedure
13. **A member may not compete in any Friday A.M. agriculture contests and Extemporaneous Public Speaking or all divisions of the Prepared Public Speaking.**
14. All State Contest results will not be declared final until one week after the closing of the State FFA Convention. Appeals of contest results should be made to the Appeals Committee consisting of the MU Coordinator of Agricultural Education, DESE Director of Agricultural Education, MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Advisory Committee Chair, and the Contest Superintendent. The teacher filing an appeal will have the opportunity to address the Appeals Committee. After filing an appeal the teacher appealing must leave the room and will not be allowed to vote.
15. **Unofficial** contest results will be posted at the Hearn Building as soon as they are available.
16. Only contest workers will be allowed in the contest area prior to the contest and only contestants, proctors, and workers will be allowed in the area during the contest. Teachers will be permitted to view the contest set up after the contest is completed. **Teachers may be permitted to exit through the animal holding area prior to the state contest after checking in their teams (i.e., Dairy Cattle, Livestock, and Horses).** Teachers will not be allowed to communicate with the judges until contest grading has been completed. **No team may visit contest sites prior to a contest - doing so will eliminate the team from competition.** A signed formal complaint indicating the violation must be filed with the Director of Agricultural Education within one week of the contest.

17. Rules governing the State FFA Contests are described under the FFA Activities Section of this publication.

Allocation of Teams

The maximum number of teams allowed in each state contest is listed in the chart below.

Agricultural Mechanics	60	Forestry	36
Agricultural Sales	24	Horses	48
Agronomy	60	Livestock Judging	60
Dairy Cattle Judging	60	Meats	48
Dairy Foods Contest	45	Nursery/Landscape	30
Entomology	48	Poultry	48
Farm Management	48	Soils	48
Floriculture	46	FFA Knowledge	52

***FORMULA**

Total number of teams competing in all districts = state total

$$\frac{\text{Number of teams in district}}{\text{State Total}} = \text{district allocation \%}$$

Subtract the automatic berths from the number of teams allowed in the State Contest = the remaining berths to be allocated (e.g. Poultry 60 - 18 = 42 berths to be allocated).

District allocation % x remaining berths = additional district berths.

Number of automatic berths + additional district berths = number of available berths from district to state.

*(All based on previous year participation.)

NOTE: These guidelines are always subject to review by the MVATA FFA Relations-Contest Committee and are under the control of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Each district is entitled to the following number of automatic berths in the State Contest as follows: 40 - 60 teams at state = each district gets 3 automatic berths

31 - 39 teams at state = each district gets 2 automatic berths

20 - 30 teams at state = each district gets 1 automatic berths

The remainders of the berths are filled by determining each district's percentage of the total number of teams participating in the six district contests in the prior year and applying that percentage to the remaining number of berths available for each contest.

18. There will be 14 teams/participants in the State Parliamentary Procedure, Prepared Public Speaking (All Divisions), Creed Speaking and Extemporaneous Speaking events. The automatic berths per district will equal the number of areas within the district. One state at-large participant will be selected based upon the district's percentage participation in the event the previous year. The district with the highest percentage participation, based upon the number of FFA chapters within the district, will be awarded the at-large berth. District participation equals the participation from each area within the district added together. (i.e. Area A has 12 participants + Area B has 13 participants = 25 district participants. If the district had 50 FFA chapters the district would have a 50% participating percentage.) In the case of a tie the previous year's participation would be used until the tie can be broken. **The number of area participants will be based upon the Area FFA CDE report submitted to the state office. The report must include both the name and chapter of each event participant to be counted in the district participation.**

2004 Allocation Of Teams From Each District

(Revised 8/18/03)

Total number of teams allowed in each state contest:

2003 Contest Teams To State							
	NW	NE	C	SC	SE	SW	Total
Agricultural Mechanics	9	10	12	9	8	12	60
Agricultural Sales	6	4	3	3	3	5	24
Agronomy	13	10	11	7	7	12	60
Dairy Cattle	10	10	10	8	7	15	60
Dairy Foods	8	9	8	6	5	9	45
Entomology	9	8	8	7	6	10	48
Farm Management	10	7	6	6	7	12	48
Floriculture	9	7	9	7	6	8	46
Forestry	6	7	7	5	5	6	36
Horses	9	9	8	6	6	10	48
Livestock	9	12	9	8	8	14	60
Meats	9	9	8	7	5	10	48
Nursery/Landscaping	5	5	5	4	4	7	30
Poultry	8	9	8	7	7	9	48
Soils	8	8	7	7	7	11	48
TOTAL	128	124	119	97	91	150	709
Parliamentary Procedure	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Prepared Public Speaking							
Division I	3	2	2	2	2	3	14
Division II	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Advanced	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Creed Speaking	2	3	2	2	2	3	14
Extemporaneous Speaking	2	2	3	2	2	3	14
FFA Knowledge	9	9	9	8	7	10	52

The number of entries per district in the FFA Leadership Contests is based upon the number of areas within the district, as passed at the 1986 MVATA Conference. (District winners in the FFA Leadership Contests may or may not be from the same area.)

SCHEDULE OF AGRICULTURE CONTESTS--2004

Thursday Afternoon, April 15th

11:30-5:00 p.m.	Entomology	Boone County Fair Grounds
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Horses	Boone County Fair Grounds
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Livestock	Trowbridge Livestock Center
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Nursery/Landscaping	Boone County Fair Grounds
11:30-5:00 p.m.	Poultry	Hearnes Field House
12:30-5:00 p.m.	Agronomy	Hearnes Field House
12:30-5:00 p.m.	Farm Management	Hearnes Field House
12:00-5:00 p.m.	Soils	Boone County Fair Grounds
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Dairy Foods	Hearnes Field House
1:00-5:00 p.m.	Floriculture	Boone County Fair Grounds

Friday Morning, April 16th

7:00-12:00 noon	Agricultural Mechanics	S147 A&B Animal Science Center
7:30-12:00 noon	Agricultural Sales	Dutton-Brookfield Facilities
7:30-12:00 noon	Forestry	Trowbridge Livestock Center (south side)
8:00-12:00 noon	Dairy Cattle	Trowbridge Livestock Center Arena
8:00-12:00 noon	Meats	Eckles Hall (Wm. Stringer Wing)

SCHEDULE OF FFA LEADERSHIP CONTESTS

Thursday, April 15th

a.m.	Creed Speaking Preliminaries	(to be announced)
(following Preliminaries)	Creed Speaking Finals	(to be announced)
6:00-7:00 p.m.	FFA Knowledge Contest	(to be announced)

Friday, April 16th

8:00 a.m. - noon	Prepared Public Speaking (Advanced) Preliminaries	(to be announced)
8:00 a.m. - noon	Prepared Public Speaking (Division I) Preliminaries	(to be announced)
8:00 a.m. - noon	Prepared Public Speaking (Division II) Preliminaries	(to be announced)
8:00 a.m. - noon	Extemporaneous Public Speaking Preliminaries	(to be announced)
12:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Parliamentary Procedure Preliminaries and Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking (Advanced) Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking (Division I) Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Prepared Public Speaking (Division II) Finals	(to be announced)
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Extemporaneous Public Speaking Finals	(to be announced)

Note: Times and locations may change based upon room availability.

ALL TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD REPORT TO THEIR CONTEST LOCATION 15-30 MINUTES BEFORE THE CONTEST STARTS!

Extemporaneous Topics: (A) AgriScience and Technology, (B) AgriMarketing and International Agricultural Relations, (C) Food and Fiber systems, (D) and Urban Agriculture

2004 STATE CONTEST SUPERINTENDENTS

CONTEST	SUPERINTENDENT
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